

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13-18, 20-28 and 30 are pending. Claims 1, 3-7, 11, 13, 15-18, 22 and 25-27 have been amended. Claims 2, 8, 12, 19 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 11 and 22 are the only independent claims.

Claim 15 was objected to because of informalities. The non-narrowing amendments to that claim is believed to obviate the objection.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 8, 19 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Since each of their respective independent claims, 1, 11 and 22, has been amended to recite all the features of claims 8, 19, and 29, respectively, and all intervening claims, claims 1, 11 and 22 are believed clearly to be in condition for allowance.¹

Claims 1-6, 9-17, 20-27 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by the Callegati article. Claims 7, 18 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Callegati in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/6613. The above amendments render these rejections moot.

Amendments have been made to certain dependent claims to ensure antecedent basis with respect to the amended independent claims.

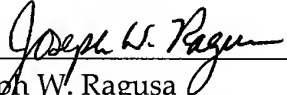
This amendment is believed to clearly place this case in condition for allowance and its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R § 1.116.

¹ That is, claims 1, 11 and 22 now read as rewritten claims 8, 19 and 29 would have read.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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